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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: DAVID A. STOCKMAN
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SUBJECT: Administration Policy on Appropriations Bills
Passed by the House

Background

In supporting the First Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, the Administration has implicitly agreed to support appropriations bills that, in the aggregate, comport with the assumptions for discretionary spending programs in that Resolution.

In most instances, these levels will accommodate the aggregate level of Presidential requests pending before each Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. There is no guarantee, however, that individual accounts will be funded at the level requested by the President.

While agencies are expected to defend the amount of the President's request before the House of Representatives and in appeals to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Administration must also strenuously oppose increases that would cause the overall appropriations provided in each bill to exceed the levels assumed in the Resolution. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide procedures to ensure that these two potentially conflicting objectives can be met.

Agency Action

For discretionary annually appropriated accounts, agencies may seek corrective action on the part of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, but only in a way that fully supports the Administration's determination that aggregate levels implied by the budget resolution not be breached. Corrective action may include changes in language or in administrative limitations that are consistent with the President's budget as well as different distributions of the total amount that a bill provides for discretionary programs.

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Agencies that wish to request corrective action will submit to OMB for clearance formal letters to the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee or of its respective subcommittees. The positions in these letters must meet the following criteria:

- Increases for particular discretionary appropriations may be requested only where the House appropriations bill provides funds at a level for that account below the President's 1983 budget request.
- Any request for increased discretionary budget authority in an appropriation over the amount included in the House bill must be accompanied by a request for offsetting decreases to other discretionary accounts in the House-passed appropriations bill. These decreases must equal or exceed the amount of the requested increase. In addition, this offset must be included in the same appropriations bill and decreases in mandatory spending may not be proposed.
- The trade-offs that agencies seek must leave 1983 outlays approximately unchanged and must not lead to significantly higher outlays in later years.

OMB Clearance

If an agency decides to ask the Senate Appropriations Committee to make adjustments to amounts in the House bill, a draft letter will be submitted to OMB at least two days before planned transmittal to the Congress. The letter will be accompanied by information in the form of the attachment that identifies budget resolution amounts and requested adjustments to appropriations. Amounts carried by OMB for the budget resolution will be provided for this purpose. It should also include any explanatory material that the agencies find appropriate.

In those instances where an agency head believes it is not practical to request offsets to budget authority increases that are consistent with the President's program, an exception to the above criteria should be requested. Those requests should be in the form of a letter to the Director of OMB.

Attachment

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REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO HOUSE-PASSED
1983 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS
(in millions of dollars)

Agency _____

Appropriations Bill _____

	Resolution discretionary 302(a) allocation		House Committee discretionary 302(b) allocation		House-passed discretionary appropriation	
	BA	O	BA	O	BA	O
Discretionary appropriations (total for bill).....						
Requested adjustments:						
Increases:						
[Appropriation account] 1/.....	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
[Appropriation account].....	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
Decreases:						
[Appropriation account] 1/.....	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
[Appropriation account].....	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX		
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1/ Where applicable, include as separate non-add lines under each appropriation account, the individual programs and activities for which increases and offsetting decreases are requested.